

CUSTOMS PRIVILEGES FOR CONSULAR OFFICERS AND CLERKS

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*The American Minister to the Permanent Under Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs*

No. 255

ATHENS, *October 10, 1940*

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to confirm to you as follows the results of our recent discussions concerning certain privileges and exemptions which the Government of the United States of America and the Royal Hellenic Government have agreed reciprocally to extend to consular officers and legation and consular clerks who are nationals of the other serving in its territory and not engaged in any private occupation for gain.

1. Career consular officers of the United States in Greece and career consular officers of Greece in the United States shall enjoy the privilege of importing free of duty or restriction all articles of first installation, including consumable goods and an automobile, this privilege to extend for a period of six months from the date of their arrival to take up their duties. Thereafter they shall enjoy the privilege of free entry for articles of personal use only with respect to furniture or effects completing their first installation; except, however, that any such officer shall be permitted to dispose of his automobile after two years of use upon payment of the duty assessed upon its used value, and to import another replacing it free of duty or restriction.

2. Legation and consular clerks who are nationals of the appointing country serving in the other and who are not engaged in any private occupation for gain shall enjoy the privileges mentioned in numbered paragraph 1 above, except that they shall not enjoy free entry of consumable goods at the time of their first installation. It is understood, however, that these privileges shall not be granted to legation or consular clerks who are nationals of the appointing country but also nationals of the country in which they are serving.

3. The officers and employees of the two Governments specified in numbered paragraphs 1 and 2 above, shall be exempted from all taxes upon their persons or personal property or the compensation which they receive for their services, including license or circulation taxes upon their automobiles. Such exemption shall not, however, include taxes on real property.

4. It is understood that this note and your reply will constitute an agreement in this matter, which shall take effect beginning from today.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

LINCOLN MACVEAGH

His Excellency

NICHOLAS MAVROUDIS,
*Permanent Under Secretary of
State for Foreign Affairs,
Athens.*

*The Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the American
Minister*

[TRANSLATION]

ROYAL MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

No. 29737/0/2/5

ATHENS, *October 10, 1940*

MR. MINISTER:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Note No. 255 of October 10, 1940, and to confirm to you as follows the results of our recent discussions concerning certain privileges and exemptions which the Royal Hellenic Government and the Government of the United States of America have agreed reciprocally to extend to career Consuls General, Consuls, and Vice Consuls and legation and consular clerks of both countries who are nationals of the appointing country and not engaged in any private occupation for gain.

1. Career Consuls General, Consuls, and Vice Consuls of Greece in the United States and career Consuls General, Consuls, and Vice Consuls of the United States in Greece shall enjoy the privilege of importing free of duty or restriction all articles of first installation, including consumable goods and an automobile, this privilege to extend for a period of six months from the date of their arrival to take up their duties. Thereafter they shall enjoy the privilege of free entry for articles of personal use only with respect to furniture or effects completing their first installation; except, however, that any such Consul General, Consul, and Vice Consul shall be permitted to dispose of his automobile after two years of use upon payment of the duty assessed

upon its used value, and to import another replacing it free of duty or restriction.

2. Legation and consular clerks who are nationals of the appointing country serving in the other and who are not engaged in any private occupation for gain shall enjoy the privileges mentioned in numbered paragraph 1 above, except that they shall not enjoy free entry of consumable goods at the time of their first installation. It is understood, however, that these privileges shall not be granted to legation or consular clerks who are nationals of the appointing country but also nationals of the country in which they are serving.

3. Career Consuls General, Consuls, and Vice Consuls and employees of the two Governments specified in numbered paragraphs 1 and 2 above, shall be exempted from all taxes upon their persons or personal property or the compensation which they receive for their services, including license or circulation taxes upon their automobiles. Such exemption shall not, however, include taxes on real property.

4. Our two notes will constitute an agreement in this matter, which shall take effect beginning from today.

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration.

N. MAVROUDIS

His Excellency

LINCOLN MACVEAGH,

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister

Plenipotentiary of the United States of America,

Athens.